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How Bismarck's Retirement Affects Italy.

SCHEMES OF THE CARDINALS

Concerning Leo's Successor—The ex-Chancellor's Last Interview With the Emperor

[Special to THE HERALD—Examiner Dispatch.]
 ROME, March 26.—[By cable to the New York Herald]—Italy is as much frightened at the retirement of Bismarck as if the keystone had fallen out of the arch of peace and the whole structure was about to tumble down with a rush. Statesmen are bewildered and stunned

Premier Crispien. He could easily follow the lead of such a mighty captain as Prince Bismarck and still retain prestige, but those who know Crispien feel certain that he will not submit to the domination of other politicians.

tion in Italy. The Radicals are utterly opposed to the influence which Germany has exerted

stirring up the people to demand an independent national policy. Premier Crispi declined yesterday to tell what he thought of the outlook. I have good reasons for believing that he expects the sword to be drawn before long.

changed. If he remains to control he will not be able to do so. He will be a puppet."
That is the view of his closest friends. I have just come from an audience with one of the most influential persons in the empire, Prince Ursiel and the ministers were present. Prince Ursiel is a very energetic man. "Now that Prince Bismarck," he said, "has been removed I do not see how it is possible to keep Germany united. The German Emperor has good intentions, but there is no reason for thinking that he will be able to keep the various nations together. Prince Bismarck was too great a man to succumb. I know him well enough to say that he would have been able to maintain the maintenance of power. But being out of power he will be unable to do so. One hopeful sign is that Russia is not yet prepared to begin a conflict."

As for the attitude of this statesman, his words would startle Europe, but he declined to compromise himself. Nothing can draw a man from his position. He has put himself in on the general situation, but he declared

German chancellor. "Disarm Europe, is the cry at the Vatican. The Pope is willing to act as mediator. Judging by my talk with Cardinal Rampolla, secretary of state, the other night, I should say the Emperor will succeed in forming a strong political alliance with the Vatican.

BERLIN, March 26.—The farewell audience between the Emperor and Bismarck was held this morning. It lasted three-quarters of an hour. As the prince was driving past a bridge between Lustgarten and Unter den Linden his horses

traces. It was necessary to stop the carriage until the harness was rearranged. A crowd quickly gathered about the ex-chancellor, and ladies threw him bouquets and kissed his hands to him. Bismarck was so greatly affected that he shed tears. He shook hands with a number of those about the carriage, and his voice faltered as he thanked the people for their demonstration of affection. The accident was of a trifling nature, and as soon as the harness was rearranged the prince resumed his

Caprivi read the Emperor's acceptance of Herbert Bismarck's resignation of the office of imperial foreign minister and the appointment of himself (Caprivi) to succeed him.

WASHINGTON, March 36.—The committee on agriculture has authorized a favorable report, with amendment, of the Butterworth bill defining "options" and "futures," and imposing special taxes on dealers therein.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—A brief caucus of the Republican Senators to-day approved the order of business arranged by the committee. The programme includes the anti-trust bill, dependent pension bill, administrative customs bill, and bills for the admission of the territories. Besides these, there will occur a debate

Schemes of the Cardinals.

NEW YORK, March 31.—A Rome special says a large section of the cardinals are advocating the idea that the Pope be elected to succeed

the position of the Pope there untenable. Leo is strongly opposed to the scheme and has appealed to the cardinals that his last days on earth be comforted with the assurance that such a course will be abandoned.

through the strasse to-day was a veritable triumphal procession. The people at times wanted to unharness his horses and drag the carriage themselves.

The Pope and Emperor.

Pope and Emperor William on the labor conference are published. The Emperor says Bishop Kepp, he he knows, is thoroughly imbued with the Pope's ideas and will materially contribute as a delegate to the success of the work. The Pope's reply congratulates the Emperor upon taking the field for a resolute effort in a worthy cause. He appreciates the

Why the Price of Corn is Low.

mony of a number of members of the corn exchange relative to the cause of the low prices of food products of the west. Ex-President Mulock said freight rates had nothing to do with the low price of corn. The crop last year was unusually large, and there had been an advance

The Irish Land-Purchase Bill.

the commons were interviewed, to-day in reference to the land purchase bill. The bulk of the Conservatives and Unionists approve the measure, while all the Parnellites condemn it as clearly in the interest of the landlords. S

An Ohio Village Burned.

a number of residences of the village of Plover were burned to-day. The losses aggregated \$30,000.

General Schenk Buried.

Archbishop Michael Dead.
LA CROSSE, Wis., March 26.—Archbishop M

The Alacrity Strikes a Rock.
LONDON, March 26.—Her majesty's steamship Alacrity struck a rock in Hong Kong harbor.

More Arrests in Russia.
PARIS, March 20.—A Siberian letter received here announced the arrest of three more and

people protesting against the conduct of Ostashevskii in the Yakutsk affair. The trial of the prisoners will probably result in the sentence to death.
